

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-62996-2023 (O&M)  
Date of order: 11.01.2024

Parneet Singh Minhas  
... Petitioner(s)  
Versus  
State of Punjab  
...Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA  
Present:- Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).  
Ms. Swati Batra, DAG, Punjab.  
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ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

| FIR No. | Dated     | Police Station                            | Sections                                                                                                      |
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| 5       | 30.4.2021 | Vigilance Bureau, District Amritsar Range | 7, 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended by PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 and Section 120-B IPC |

1. The petitioner, who is apprehending that he might be arraigned as an accused, despite the fact that in three earlier inquiries he has been absolved, has come up before this Court by filing the present petition seeking quashing of the FIR captioned above.
2. Admittedly, the petitioner has not been arraigned as an accused in the FIR captioned above. Once the petitioner is not an accused, there is no question of quashing the FIR in question. However, considering the apprehension of the petitioner, it is clarified that in case the petitioner is arraigned as an accused in the FIR captioned above, the prosecution at the time of presentation of challan shall immediately forward a photocopy thereof to the petitioner through his counsel on his email ID i.e. [advrahul11@gmail.com](mailto:advrahul11@gmail.com) apart from forwarding a physical copy thereof. This supply of document shall be deemed compliance under Section 207 CrPC *qua* the petitioner.
3. Given above, no further order is required to be passed in the present petition.
4. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of. All pending application(s), if any,

shall stand disposed of.

5. However, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to pursue his legal remedies in case of any other grievance including filing petition under Section 438 CrPC.

6. It is clarified that this order has been passed under exceptional circumstances i.e. three inquires absolving the petitioner

(ANOOP CHITKARA)  
JUDGE

January 11, 2024  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes |
| Whether reportable        | : | Yes |